

Office of Select Board  
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127  
Webster, NH 03303

6:30

6:00 pm – Select Board's Meeting – April 14, 2014

Select Board present: Chairman Roy Fanjoy and Selectman Johnson. Selectman Donovan was absent.

The Select Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Select Board signed or completed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the Select Board Minutes of 3/31/14 as written; seconded by Chairman Fanjoy and approved.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the Select Board Work Session minutes of 4/3/14 as written; seconded by Chairman Fanjoy and approved.
- Sick leave slip for Mrs. Jones.
- The Board agreed to the 2011 Unutil Abatement Settlement and signed the abatement in the amount of \$11,564. This will be mailed to the attorney to be finalized.
- Three deed waivers for the Tax Collector.

The Select Board signed or acknowledged the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- March bank reconciliation.
- Two timber tax bills and accompanying warrant.
- Intent to Cut for Adam Mock – Map 1-22.
- Purchase Order #12 for the office to Twin Rivers Office Supplies for a laptop computer for the treasurer in the amount of \$279.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis advised the Select Board of the following:

- Reported that Map 6-25 was visited. The home was split into two units, occupied by family members. The Board requested that Mrs. Jones write a letter asking the owners to meet with the Board to further explain its use.
- 73 calls for service in the last two weeks with the highlights read.
- PO #13 for the Police Department to Mountain View Grand Resort for the Police chiefs' Summer Conference in the amount of \$285.40.
- He advised that there was a Legislative Bill proposed to deal with distracted driving; allowing use in a vehicle of only hands free cell phones, which looks like it will pass. He has started a Department Policy regarding hand held devices. Officers will have to pull over to talk to dispatch as there are currently no hands free devices in the cruisers. Another Legislative Bill, which may have to go before the Feds first, proposes to have Police carry the drug naran in the cruisers. This drug is to be used should a person overdose on heroin. He had concerns as the drug cannot be left in the cruiser overnight; and no cost estimates were available. Chief Dupuis has mixed feelings on its use and who should administer it. Fire Chief Wolinski noted that this drug is on the ambulance and explained how it is used. Discussion ensued with a comment from resident Robert Pearson.

Fire Chief Rob Wolinski advised the Select Board of the following:

- 9 calls for service in the last two weeks.
- Jake Drown will take a Fire Inspector Class in May hosted by New London, which is a month or so long. This is a baseline course for the academy.
- Met at the station regarding the needed safety repairs; working on an official engineered plan to be used for the bid process.
- Later in the meeting he requested more Department Heads serve on the Hazardous Mitigation Committee. Mrs. Jones needs to remind all Department Heads of the meetings and invite them regardless.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that the Select Board of the following:

- 49 permits have been written regarding weight limit.
- He has 1,000 yards of material that came from the roads to be crushed. He will get three prices for the process. Approved by the Board.
- He questioned Selectman Johnson about comments at the Town Meeting regarding the UNH Road Study done in 2013 relative to the roads being in better shape than thought saying he didn't understand the comment. Selectman Johnson responded that pieces of the UNH study were not as expensive as originally thought. Mr. Bean advised that the UNH Study was just for the tar on top, not the base needed on the Town's tar roads; and guardrail repairs are needed. Mr. Bean felt that he and his crew did well with what he has to work with. Chairman Fanjoy noted that the UNH Study showed the ditches are in better shape than many other communities.
- Chairman Fanjoy asked Mr. Bean if he had a rough estimate of the costs of repairs recently made on Gerrish Road, which he will get. Input was taken from Resident Mr. Pearson.

Selectman Johnson requested to read publicly a letter from Mr. Pearson as well as his response to the letter. After beginning, Police Chief Dupuis advised that he has been researching this matter re: possible violation of RSA 641:7 and a criminal investigation may be opened. Selectman Johnson will be forwarding the letter and response to the Attorney General's Office, Secretary of State and Upton & Hatfield.

R F Fanjoy

R G Johnson



Chief Dupuis requested a note be included that under RSA 641:7 this matter is being investigated by the local Police. Chief Dupuis will receive copies of the letters. The Board's decision was to wait regarding the reading publicly of the letters.

Richard Inman, member of the Police Advisory Committee, advised that his question evolved around the above subject asking if he should wait until after the investigation, which was recommended by Chairman Fanjoy. He inquired about Select Board policy regarding accepting and destroying anonymous letters. The Board has no written policy, but is working on one. Discussion ensued. Resident John Clark, Mr. Bean, Mr. Pearson and Chief Dupuis commented. Mr. Pearson requested Board permission to go to Town Counsel regarding this matter; the vote was one for and one against.

Sonny Hunt, representative for the Canoe and Kayak races, advised that their 31<sup>st</sup> year will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and will be conducted the same as in the past. Insurance papers will be sent to the office. The usual breakfast will be held at the Hall on that Sunday.

Treasurer Mary Smith advised everything was okay, but to be careful with spending until the next tax bills are sent.

Mr. Bean resigned as a member of the Energy Committee as of last Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Fanjoy advised that the judge would be meeting at the property in Davisville on April 17<sup>th</sup>. He requested permission to go to Town Counsel first to discuss some photos he had taken, which was approved.

#### Old Business:

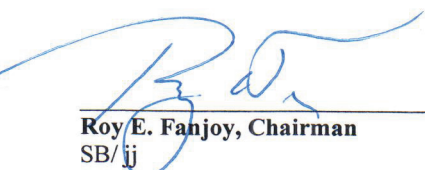
- Copart ZBA motion to file an appeal period ends 4/17/14. No other decisions made.
- Designation of Warner River as Scenic will be on the next agenda. Mrs. Jones will ask Conservation Commission Chairman Mary Jo MacGowan if this could go on the website and invite her to the next meeting.
- Questions regarding the Winnepocket Assessments with information previously provided by Jere Buckley will be moved to the next agenda.

#### New Business:

- Selectman Johnson discussed the Annual Report items: possible cost savings by reducing number of pages, put on only current Board Members, adding Road Agent to back cover, possibly deleting taxpayer's list at back of the book (will be kept) and better visibility of the proposed annual appropriation. (Mrs. Pinkham advised that the State will be changing the form currently used.)
- Town Voting Day – Selectman Johnson inquired about increased polling hours at the Town Elections. This will be researched.
- Town Meeting Day – Selectman Johnson noted that the power point was well received and that he had received positive comments regarding the single Warrant Article for the operating budget. He recommended continuing this practice. He also requested that photo copies of the operating budget be available for the public. He inquired about follow-up on the petition article, which has been done.
- Discussed the samples of Cemetery Deeds sent to Selectman Donovan. This will be on the next agenda.
- Therese Larson and Mrs. Jones will attend a Trustee of Trust Funds workshop on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm.
- To clarify Refuse Disposal Committee Member Harold Janeway's position, Selectman Johnson made a motion that he remain as an alternate; seconded by Chairman Fanjoy and approved. Selectman Johnson understood that Alternate Dave Klumb resigned; he will be asked to put this in writing.
- The painting of the Town Hall estimate received earlier will be forwarded to Selectman Johnson so he can draft specs for bidding.
- Chairman Fanjoy will follow up with The NH Emergency Notification System after it was recommended that NH-ENS send out any notices needed.
- Regarding ownership of Map 5 Lot 5, the island in the river, Mrs. Jones found the Town to have ownership of this since 1978. Mr. Pearson did not agree, noting his family had a quitclaim deed from the Town. Selectman Johnson thought Selectman Donovan was to research. Mrs. Jones will send Selectman Donovan this information.

Kevin Sullivan, member of the Police Advisory Committee, addressed concerns regarding this Committee, its meetings and his continuance on this committee, actually resigning as of tonight. Comments and concerns were made by Chief Dupuis, Jere Buckley, Mr. Inman, Susan Roberts, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Bean, Joan Doucette, Selectman Johnson, Chairman Fanjoy and Chief Wolinski. Lengthy discussion ensued.

8:47 pm Selectman Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Fanjoy; meeting adjourned.

  
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Roy E. Fanjoy, Chairman  
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Bruce G. Johnson